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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant respectfully submits the following information disclosure statement.

The undersigned certifies that each of the following references was contained in a communication from the EPO in a counterpart international application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

The disclosed references are:

US 5,745,954, issued May 5, 1998, Shogan, et al., filed October 25, 1996.

US 5,857,229, issued January 12, 1999, Magnani, Jr., filed Sept. 11, 1997.

US 6,202,229, issued Mar. 20, 2001, Cheng, filed June 30, 1999.

US 5,293,656, issued March 15, 1994, Chan, filed Dec. 21, 1992.

US 5,483,710, issued Jan. 16, 1996; Chan; filed Jan. 11, 1994.

US 5,761,755, issued June 9, 1998, Huang, filed Apr. 3, 1997.

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Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner initial the cited references shown on the enclosed form PTO-1449 and that the references be made of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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